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DR. HARDIN TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



DR. W. S. HARDIN

Dr. W. S. Hardin, pastor of First Church, Drew, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, January 30, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WJMB, Brookhaven.

Outstanding Leaders Speak At Evangelistic Conference

S. S. Convention Speaker

W. A. Harrell, Secretary of the Department of Church Architecture, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will attend the Mississippi Sunday School Convention at Columbus, March 8-9.

He will speak before the entire Convention, and will also be glad to confer with individuals and committees on their church plans. Plan to meet Mr. Harrell at Columbus, March 8-9.



W. A. HARRELL

CRISWELL, MATTHEWS, HOWARD VISITING SPEAKERS CONFERENCE SPEAKER



DR. JAMES K. AVENT

Dr. James Kirl Avent, Grenada, Mississippi, an outstanding Christian layman and surgeon of Grenada, will be one of the featured speakers at the Evangelistic Conference, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, March 1-4. He will use the topic, "One World or None," using interesting scientific information as illustrative material. Dr. Avent is past president of the Mississippi Medical Association, and is at present a member of the Board of Trustees of Mental Institutions of Mississippi; member of the Mississippi State Board of Health, and a member of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. S. B. Platt of Columbus, Mississippi, another outstanding Christian layman and surgeon will preside at the morning session in which Dr. Avent will speak.

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I Am Glad I Am A Baptist

By Dr. Russell Bradley Jones,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

One of the greatest preachers I have ever known was a Presbyterian. I do not question for one moment his salvation or effective service to the Lord. But I am glad I am a Baptist!

A great Christian doctor, an Episcopalian, was one of the finest soul-winners I have ever known. But I am glad I am a Baptist.

My grand-mother was a sincere child
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Thirty-Four Mississippians To Have Parts In Program

Three outstanding Southwide leaders and thirty-four Mississippians are listed on the program of the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference which meets at First Church, Columbus, March 1-4, according to Dr. D. A. McCall Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and Director of Evangelism.

Out-of-state speakers include Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Church, Dallas; Dr. Willis Howard, President, Callaway Community Foundation, LaGrange, Georgia, and Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

The First Church, Columbus, Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor will be the meeting place of the Conference. Free rooms in homes of the people of Columbus will be furnished to those not wishing to stay in hotels. All room or hotel reservations are to be made by writing First Baptist Church, Columbus.

Dr. Criswell will speak each morning at 10:45 and each evening at 8:40. Dr. Howard is scheduled for addresses each day at 11:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. Matthews speaks each afternoon at 2:45.

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SBC HOUSING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PLANS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. —(BP)—Rev. Anson Justice, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Housing Committee, reiterated today that his committee is considering no reservation requests postmarked earlier than February 1.

The date is set so that all applicants for hotel rooms and other accommodations for the meeting of the Convention next May 18-22 may have an equal chance. A certain number of hotel rooms is allocated to each state in the SBC territory (based on the ratio of Baptist population) to assure equal consideration of all areas in territory.

Requests for reservations should be mailed February 1, or after, and should specify anticipated date and hour of arrival, expected length of stay and whether or not the applicant is driving. They should be addressed to Rev. Anson Justice, Chairman SBC Housing Committee, 223 1-2 N. W. First Street, Oklahoma City.

Ohrn Challenges N. O. Seminary Students SEVEN DEDICATE LIVES TO MISSION WORK

Seven students at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary dedicated their lives to the Home and Foreign Mission Fields during the Missionary Day program held on the campus January 27. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, brought the principal address of the day.

Students who dedicated their lives are: Ellis Shufflin, Louisiana; Eddie L. Scruggs, Mississippi; James Shewmake, Mississippi; Harvey Headrick, Louisiana; Miss Wilma Coburn, Louisiana; Bill Beam, Mississippi; and Howard Jones, Alabama.

Calling upon the students to "build the world with the love of God," Dr. Ohrn stated that the Christian worker now has unparalleled opportunities to spread the Gospel among many of the European nations.

He told the Seminarians they must give the Gospel to the people of Europe even though they have known Christianity for centuries.

"Any part of the world is a mission
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Rural Pastors Need To Know Farm Problems Says Moore

Clarke College likes visitors. They like conferences. They like counseling together on plans for the future progress of the Kingdom work. That is why they are so enthusiastic after the four day Institute of the Association of Missionaries, Jan. 31-Feb. 3.

The following Missionaries came to this feast: Rev. Kenneth Hall, Neshoba County; Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton County; Rev. N. G. Hickman, Winston County; Rev. Glen Crawford, Lafayette and Marshall Counties; Rev. W. E. Hardy, Jefferson County; Rev. John Laney, Prentiss County; Rev. Phil Walker, Warren County; Rev. Donald Bennett Pearl River County; Rev. Wallace Harrell, Jackson County; and Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Bolivar County.

Making a lasting contribution to the well-rounded program were many other visitors and friends, among
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Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists--Send Them The Baptist Record

I AM GLAD I AM A BAPTIST

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of God and a member of the Disciples of Christ. But I am glad I am a Baptist.

First, I am glad that I am a Baptist because I can take my Bible as it is without the help of human creeds or explanations!

All other denominations must go to some declaration besides, the Bible—official creed, prayer book, discipline, priest—for an explanation of at least some of their beliefs and practices. It must be a nerve racking thing to be forever anxious lest somebody find that the Bible contradicts some cherished view. I am glad that I belong to a group of Christians who are willing to trust the Holy Spirit to tell anybody what the Book means, apart from human help. Baptists have consistently insisted that if the doctrine is not in the Bible, it is not a Baptist doctrine; and if the doctrine is in the Bible, it is a Baptist doctrine.

I am glad I am a Baptist because I can depend on Jesus Christ, apart from Church, Sacrament, Ceremony, or works, for a perfect salvation.

Can't members of other denominations say the same thing? In reply, I say: I don't know of any other denomination of Christians which has a perfectly clear record in limiting salvation wholly and only to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Romanists compel Jesus to share His saviourhood with the church, Mary, the sacraments and purgatory. Many Protestants insist that Jesus is a competent Saviour but that He must have the aid of baptism and good works.

Certainly Jesus claimed a monopoly on saviourhood; "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). It is a privilege to be a member of a denomination that doesn't have any other little saviours competing with Jesus, the only Saviour from Sin.

I am glad I am a Baptist because I am not disturbed as to the accuracy of baptism, my first act of Christian obedience.

One attempt offered to justify sprinkling is, "there is no suggestion nor indication anywhere in the Bible that clothing had to be changed, nor of any inconvenience of wet garments," — therefore sprinkling is right!

Strangely enough, while some are beating around the bush to justify sprinkling, Baptist immersion will be accepted by any denomination as valid!

I am Glad I am a Baptist because I am honored by being considered capable of attending to my own spiritual business.

The freedom of the individual in his responsibility to God is the real Baptist distinctive. This freedom includes freedom of choice, freedom to read the Bible, freedom to interpret the Bible, freedom to approach God and freedom to serve God.

John Locke said: "The Baptists were the first propounders of an absolute liberty just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty."

Chief Justice Story said: "In the code of laws established in Rhode Island, we read for the first time since Constantine ascended the throne of the Caesars, the declaration that conscience should be free, and men should not be punished for worshipping God in the way they were persuaded He requires." Baptists inaugurated the

OHREN CHALLENGES

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field for Baptists, but there is a more urgent field in Germany and other European countries than anywhere else," Dr. Ohren declared.

"Germany is the heart of Europe, and as long as Germany is a problem, Europe will be the problem of the world," he said.

"It is not purely a social and economic problem, but a moral and spiritual problem. The people need something worth while to hold on to, and the Baptist missionary can give them that something."

movement that resulted in the adoption of the first amendment of the American Constitution guaranteeing religious liberty. Baptists have shed their own blood freely in standing for this great truth.

If born-again believers are left to attend to their own spiritual business, they have a way of becoming Baptists. The January issue of THE COMMISSION tells how a group of people in Cartagena, Colombia, South America, withdrew from the denomination of which they had been members to establish a church according to the New Testament pattern. They later discovered that they were a Baptist church, and are now affiliated with Southern Baptist foreign missionary work in that country.

I am glad I am a Baptist because I am part of a Democratic fellowship where there is no caste system and Christ Alone is king.

We Baptists believe that any man in whom dwells the Holy Spirit is the spiritual equal of any other person of whom the same is true—and has an equal voice in Christ's work.

I am glad I am a Baptist because I am permitted to help demonstrate to the world the only example of perfect church unity with absolute independence.

Our independence is clearly evident when churches refuse to co-operate in some of the plans of associations, or state and Southern conventions. Nor is there any earthly authority that can challenge such independence. But our unity appears when we voluntarily choose to join with other Baptist churches in the many plans of association or convention to forward the Kingdom of our Saviour.

This same plan would work with all the denominations if one condition were met. If every Methodist church and every Presbyterian church and every other church of any denomination would actually make the New Testament its one and only rule of faith and practice, we would have church unity with absolute independence.

And finally, I am glad I am a Baptist because I have a simple program—to witness for Christ while keeping myself unspotted from the world.

It is the program set forth in the New Testament for every believer. First there is the invitation, "Come unto Me." Then there is the command—"Go ye into the world." "Ye shall be my Witnesses."

I only need to keep in touch with Jesus and tell everyone else with whom I come into contact what I know about Him by experience and through the Word. That is the greatest program ever revised. I rejoice that I am on a program like that.

What a fellowship it is. What a privilege it is to carry the torch lighted by Christ. — The Alaska Baptist Messenger.

FELTON BARNES ACCEPTS PASTORATE AT CALVARY CHURCH, PRICEDALE



The Rev. Felton Barnes has accepted the pastorate at Calvary Church, Pricedale, and will begin his ministry there on January 26.

The Rev. Barnes, a native of Mississippi, received his A. B. degrees from Mississippi College and his Th. M. from New Orleans Seminary in 1942.

For four years, he was pastor of churches in Alabama and taught one year at Clarke Memorial College at Newton. He comes to Calvary from Columbia, where he was Associate Pastor.

His wife, the former Miss Margaret Inez Weston of Grand Bay, Alabama, holds a diploma in Christian Training from the New Orleans Seminary. They have one daughter, Margaret Anne, age 5.

RURAL PASTORS NEED

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whom were: Dr. D. A. McCall, always interested in forward plans for Baptists; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, still enthusiastic about the Baptist Record. Rev. W. P. Davis, the new Assistant to our Executive Secretary; and Auber J. Wilds, cheering everybody with his warm, every-ready smile. The state pastors who had parts on the program were: Dr. N. Q. Geer, Philadelphia; Dr. John Barnes, Hattiesburg; Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus; and, Dr. G. C. Hodge, Gulfport. Many other friends were welcomed and appreciated.

The out of town speakers were Dr. J. C. Williamson from Tennessee, and Dr. H. D. Bruce from Texas, who really thrilled the audiences with their practical messages from a Gospel that aims at the development of the entire personality of people.

The last speaker on this occasion was different. He talked on a different subject. Yet, it was a subject that holds a most important place in the lives of people.

M. P. "Hot" Moore from Senatobia spoke from the authority of statistics and experience on the vital need of leadership in the economic problems of rural sections. He says some one must know the facts and tell the people. Our rural pastors could and should qualify for this leadership in many instances.

Dr. O. P. Moore, Alumni Secretary and Public Relations Director of Clarke College together with Alex Taylor of Louisville, are responsible for this usual part of the program.

Through the vision and liberality of Mr. Taylor, Clarke College now owns a small farm which they hope to expand to at least five hundred acres. In the expansion plans for the College, these two men are sharing the dreams of President Greene — dreams of stocking this acreage with the finest breeds available of both beef and dairy cattle.

THE WORLD LOOKS BLACKER TODAY, perhaps, than at any time in all of its long history. But Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, still shines in that blackness "And the light shineth in darkness." . . . J. E. Lambdin in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Gifts Through The Cooperative Program By Associations

January 1, 1948 — December 31, 1948

**Indicate the association increased 1948 Cooperative Program contributions over 1947.

ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNT
Group I	
** 1. Hinds	\$104,173.55
2. Lauderdale	41,920.32
** 3. Jones	35,408.65
4. Lebanon	31,217.73
** 5. Lincoln	29,675.36
6. Pike	29,202.79
** 7. Copiah	26,518.87
** 8. Deer Creek	22,573.88
** 9. Lee	22,523.96
**10. Columbus	19,839.82
**11. Warren	17,813.17
12. Pearl River	14,863.09
**13. Gulf Coast	14,356.48
**14. Grenada	14,083.68
**15. Leflore	12,406.18
**16. Mississippi	11,407.78
17. Union County	10,486.73
**18. Clarke	9,749.19
**19. Marion	9,674.08
**20. Madison	9,347.05
**21. Sunflower	9,234.83
**22. Clay	9,096.52
**23. Covington	8,804.08
24. Jackson	8,788.71
25. Holmes	8,331.37

Group II	
** 1. Calhoun	\$ 7,914.55
** 2. Newton	7,745.96
** 3. Simpson	7,742.41
** 4. Riverside	7,466.54
** 5. Panola	7,118.92
6. Monroe	7,111.03
** 7. Jeff Davis	7,036.81
8. Winston	6,911.61
** 9. Rankin	6,631.73
10. Pontotoc	6,618.70
11. Attala	6,204.93
12. Yazoo	6,193.68
**13. Tippah	6,179.31
**14. Walthall	6,077.58
**15. Alcorn	5,994.22
**16. Scott	5,594.33
17. Tallahatchie	5,289.90
18. Oktibbeha County	4,854.37
**19. Adams-Franklin	4,852.62
**20. Prentiss	4,773.25
21. Marshall	4,530.22
**22. Leake	4,444.22
23. Bolivar	4,431.94
24. Lawrence	4,177.98
25. Chickasaw	3,967.69

Group III	
1. Neshoba	\$ 3,686.04
** 2. George	3,603.38
** 3. Wayne	3,589.68
** 4. Montgomery	3,540.22
** 5. Yalobusha	3,528.37
6. Lafayette	3,143.26
** 7. Tate	3,034.58
8. Zion	2,879.97
** 9. Smith	2,868.99
10. Jasper	2,838.71
**11. Greene	2,768.75
**12. Perry	2,410.84
**13. Choctaw	2,329.69
**14. Union	2,202.85
15. Kemper	1,805.19
**16. Noxubee	1,669.40
17. Tishomingo	1,583.24
18. DeSoto	1,361.38
19. Benton	1,157.72
20. Carroll	866.57
21. Itawamba	219.18
22. Liberty	186.20
23. New Choctaw	154.67
**24. Oktibbeha	114.64
25. Mt. Pisgah	60.00

ABSENCE OF FAITH MEANS ABSENCE of God's favor. Presence of faith brings his pleasure. Faith is the one thing which enable men upon earth to be well pleasing to God. . . . Ellis A. Fuller, HOME LIFE.

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

ALL OF MINE IS THINE IN 1949!

This morning, we are utterly happy as we received from the office of Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, some figures as follows:

For 1948, Mississippi Baptists won to Christ and baptized 15,242 persons. This is the first time our Mississippi Baptist churches have passed the 15,000 mark in baptisms for any one year. Doxology! We are unsatisfied with even that high figure. Certainly, ten of us on the average should win one person to Christ during a whole year. Since there are approximately 350,000 of us, that means we should be winning to Christ and baptizing 35,000 persons a year. Several years ago, however, we were winning and baptizing as few as 9,000 per year. So we have made much progress!

Southern Baptists also reached a new high mark in winning to Christ and baptizing 312,246 persons. Doxology!

"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

"In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

"And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." II Timothy 2:24-26.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

"For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

"But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

"For every man shall bear his own burden." — Galatians 6:1-5.

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

"But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

"And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:15-20.

IMPORTANT: In the last meeting of the Convention Board along with several other regulations a ruling was passed to the effect that all church building applications should be claimed within the year of the appropriation, otherwise, it is voided. This means that building appropriations made in the December, 1948, Convention Board session must be claimed during 1949 or such appropriations will become void. In this case a new application must be made and a new appropriation granted for the help to be given. To qualify for this help, a church is to make a good start in building operations and present to the Convention Board office a written statement to that effect requesting that the amount of the appropriation be paid. In trying to be

helpful, we make this statement that all may understand the procedure.

III
Report of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board of the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Session to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Jackson, Mississippi November 15-18, 1948

Report of the Convention Board Office D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary "Preach the word" II Timothy 4:2 "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

"Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

"Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, if our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Ezekiel 33:7-11.

God's people are a preaching people. Jesus was a great preacher. Matthew, chapters 5, 6, and 7.

John the Baptist was a great preacher. Matthew 3:1-12. Jonah was a great preacher. Jonah 3:1-10.

God's people are a compassionate people. Jesus sets them an example as he weeps over Jerusalem, at the grave of Lazarus, and over a lost world.

Mississippi Baptists have majored upon the preaching of the gospel. We have not graduated in that practice. We must intensify our efforts in a great soul winning campaign.

We are happy and humble as we consider the successes with which God has favored us as a people. Last year was the best in our history in evangelism as we won to Christ and baptized 14,605.

Last year was our best in contributions to all the causes of Christ through the Co-operative Program as God's people called Mississippi Baptists gave \$726,190.28 through this channel.

Our State Mission contribution in the amount of \$229,353.77 and total contributions in the amount of \$1,468,701.84 through the Convention Board office are in the all time high brackets.

From 1925 through 1941 we lost \$107,055.28 on the operation of the Baptist Record; whereas, from 1942 through 1948 we cleared \$90,857.08.

In 1939 and 1940 our overhead or preaching and promotional costs were 17 and 18 per cent; whereas, in 1945 it was 3 per cent, in 1946 it was 2 per cent, in 1947 it was 3 per cent, and in 1948 it was 3 per cent.

Ten years ago we were paying more than \$32,000 each year for interest on borrowed money. This year we paid not one cent in interest.

All of our institutions save one are in the high days of their experiences. That one institution will be walking the ways of further victories as they next year conclude a successful financial and enrollment campaign.

Surely it is a time for thanksgiving and for looking for new and higher fields

OUTSTANDING LEADERS SPEAK

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The program follows:

Tuesday Morning
Presiding, Dr. D. A. McCall
Song Leader, R. R. Brigance
8:30-9:00—Christian Fellowship.
9:00-9:10—Let us Sing and Pray
9:10-9:30—Sermon Hearts, S. R. Woodson.
9:35-9:55—Sermon Hearts, Ira F. Metts
10:00-10:20—Sermon Hearts, J. M. Metts
10:20-10:35—Recess and Relaxation
10:35-10:45—Let Us Sing and Pray
10:45-11:30—Dr. W. A. Criswell.
11:30-11:45—Song and Prayer Announcements.

11:45-12:30—Dr. Willis E. Howard.
Tuesday Afternoon
Presiding, Earl Brooks
Song Leader, Tom Pfeifer
2:00-2:15—Let Us Sing and Pray
2:15-2:40—Clarence Palmer
2:45-4:05—Dr. C. E. Matthews.
4:10-4:20—Songs; Prayer, Announcements.

4:25-4:50—H. R. Holcomb.
4:50-5:00—Prayer and testimony
Tuesday Evening
7:00-7:25—Praise and Prayer
7:30-8:20—Dr. Willis E. Howard
8:25-8:35—Song; Prayer; Announcements

8:40-9:30—Dr. W. A. Criswell
Wednesday Morning
Presiding, E. F. Hicks
Song leader, Harold Jordan
8:30-9:00—Christian Fellowship
9:00-9:10—Let Us Sing and Pray
9:10-9:30—Sermon Hearts, J. R. Davis
9:35-9:55—Sermon Hearts, Montie Davis
10:00-10:20—Sermon Hearts, M. D. Morton

of conquest for Christ.

IV
We have a nice Foreign Mission offering from the W. M. S. of Trinity Baptist Church, Fulton. They state they are contributing to the Co-operative Program and having a big time in the work. Brandon Baptist Church with Rev. Montie A. Davis, pastor, is experiencing some great days. In their first service in their new building they had 600 present, 75 turned away, 6 additions, 2 professions of faith, and the ordinances observed. Doxology!

V
A new volume of Broadman sermons by Dr. Zeno Wall, well known in this state, will interest you. The title is "A Day for God Called Men."

Dr. L. E. Barton has another very helpful volume for this day in "Helps for Soul Winners."

These books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store.

VI
One of the most helpful things individuals might do for their pastor is to occasionally give him a good book. Be sure it is a good usable book.

The church could be helpful in providing a library fund for the pastor. It would greatly aid in his rich ministry.

PEAKS OF PROGRESS IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST LIFE

The goodness of God, the generosity of Mississippi Baptists, and the sensible administration of the Lord's money may be clearly seen in the marvelous record of progress as shown in advances in State Missions in our Mississippi Baptist life. This growth has been steady and continuous. The total State Missions budget for each of the last several years has been as follows:

1939	\$ 37,500
1940	40,000
1941	43,750
1942	50,000
1943	73,730
1944	111,400
*1945	280,000
1946	174,750
1947	199,050
1948	213,120
1949	228,670

*\$150,000 was placed in the 1945 budget for the cost of the Baptist Building.

10:20-10:35—Recess and Relaxation
10:35-10:45—Let Us Sing and Pray
10:45-11:30—Dr. W. A. Criswell.
11:30-11:45—Song and Prayer; Announcements.

11:45-12:30—Dr. Willis E. Howard.
Wednesday Afternoon
Song Leader, C. H. Skutt
2:00-2:15—Let Us Sing and Pray
2:15-2:40—C. O. Lindsey.
2:45-4:05—Dr. C. E. Matthews
4:10-4:20—Songs; Prayer; Announcements

4:25-4:50—Troy Sumrall
4:50-5:00—Prayer and Testimony
Wednesday Evening
Presiding, S. R. Woodson
7:00-7:25—Praise and Prayer
7:30-8:20—Dr. Willis E. Howard
8:25-8:35—Song; Prayer; Announcements

8:40-9:30—Dr. W. A. Criswell
Thursday Morning
Presiding, Dr. S. B. Platt
Song leader, Ray Dykes
8:30-9:00—Christian Fellowship
9:00-9:10—Let Us Sing and Pray
9:10-9:30—Sermon Hearts, W. P. Davis
9:35-9:55—Sermon Hearts, Dr. J. K. Avent

10:00-10:20—Sermon Hearts
10:20-10:35—Recess and Relaxation
10:35-10:45—Let Us Sing and Pray
10:45-11:30—Dr. W. A. Criswell
11:30-11:45—Song and Prayer; Announcements

7:30-8:20—Dr. Willis E. Howard
Thursday Afternoon
Presiding, W. M. Lee
Song Leader, H. P. Porter
2:00-2:15—Let Us Sing and Pray
2:15-2:40—Estus Mason
2:45-4:05—Dr. C. E. Matthews
4:10-4:20—Songs; Prayer; Announcements

4:25-4:50—C. J. Smyly
4:50-5:00—Prayer and Testimony
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Friday Morning
Presiding, Grady Smith
Song leader, Chas. L. Phipps
8:30-9:00—Christian Fellowship
9:00-9:10—Let Us Sing and Pray
9:10-9:30—Sermon Hearts, Chester Savage
9:35-9:55—Sermon Hearts, O. B. Beverly

10:00-10:20—Sermon Hearts, Wyatt Hunter
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2:45-4:05—Dr. C. E. Matthews
4:10-4:20—Songs; Prayer; Announcements

4:25-4:50—Herman A. Milner
4:50-5:00—Prayer and Testimony
Friday Evening
7:00-7:25—Praise and Prayer
7:30-8:20—Dr. Willis E. Howard
8:25-8:35—Song; Prayer; Announcements

8:40-9:30—Dr. W. A. Criswell
—BR—
PHALTI CHURCH, JEFFERSON
Davis County, enrolled 42 in the study of the Gospel of John, in which Dr. Leroy Green, Rev. Joe Hudson, Miss Austin, and Pastor Marcus Alexander served as teachers. The Sunday School Superintendent is J. D. Sparkman.

ERROR: THE ADDRESS OF THE
Baker Book House was recently listed in several book reviews as Grand Rapids, Illinois. This should have been 1019 Wealthy St., S. E., Grand Rapids 6, MICHIGAN.

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Shame, Shame, Shame

The headline above is taken
from an article in the Herald,
weekly bulletin of First Church,
West Point, and written by the pas-
tor, Rev. Carey Cox.

He has said, but in a better way,
what we had in mind so we pass
along to our readers Pastor Cox's
remarks.

Isn't it a shame that in the
formal inauguration of the
President of the United States
that there would be such re-
volting, even sinful, emphasis
on that which is ruining our
nation.

In last Monday's issue of the
Commercial Appeal it was em-
phasized that the big celebra-
tion "really started Friday
night (January 14) with a
pre-inaugural dance. These
festivities will not end until
Sunday (January 23) when
the Arkansas State Society will
pour a slug of life - giving
corn squeezin's for any sur-
vivor with the strength to
crawl to a Congressional Re-
ception the Society is giving in
the Senate Office building.
The Capitol already is well
launched into a ten-day cele-
bration, combining the most
spectacular features of a
dance marathon. The Cocktail
Lounge of the Mayflower Ho-
tel already is so crowded, there
isn't room for an olive in the
martinis."

It is a known fact that
Washington is one of the rot-
tenest places in America.
There is more liquor consum-
ed per person in Washington
than anywhere in the United
States. It has been truthfully
said that "there are three na-
tional parties, the Democra-
tic, Republican, and Cocktail,
all with headquarters in Wash-
ington."

It is plain revolting and
sacrilegious to bring a special
edition of the Bible into a mess
like that only for the purpose

of taking an oath of office.
How wonderful it would be if
the Bible could get into the
hearts of some of our Nation-
al leaders, producing in them
the conviction "that righteous-
ness exalteth a nation, but sin
is a reproach to any people."
If this is a Christian land, it
looks like we could have
some national occasion of pro-
minence conducted on a
Christian basis, instead of our
leadership selling out to a
Godless crowd for a sinful ce-
lebration.

Conference Offers Great Opportunity

Attention has been called to the
State Evangelistic Conference to
be held at Columbus, March 1-4.

Every pastor who can possibly
do so should be present at this im-
portant conference. Outstanding
Baptist leaders of the state and of
the south are to have parts on the
program. Therefore the conference
should be an inspiration of great
power and influence to every one
in attendance.

All of us admit that the winning
of souls is the most important
work of Baptists. In fact without
evangelism, we dry up and die. All
other things fade into insignifi-
cance compared with evangelism.

If evangelism is so important,
how necessary it is for our leaders
to prepare themselves for the holy
task of evangelism. In a few short
weeks the summer days of evan-
gelism will be in full swing. No
better preparation for this sacred
season can be had than to attend
this great feast of spiritual inspira-
tion.

Attendance upon this meeting
should set hearts afire with fire
from God's altar-should cause us
to feel that men are lost, really lost
and that their only hope is salva-
tion through Jesus Christ.

The outstanding program of-
fered by the State Evangelistic
Conference at Columbus is plan-
ned to supply, from the human
standpoint, that fire and that feel-
ing so that 1949 may be a banner
year for the winning of lost souls.

Certainly every church in Mis-
sissippi will want to be sure its
pastor attends the state - wide
Evangelistic Conference in Colum-
bus, March 1-4. No meeting will
be of more importance to the pas-
tor, and in turn to the church than
this one.

The small cost of sending the
pastor will be repaid to the
churches many times. Pastors will
be helped, they in turn will lead
the churches on to greater Evan-
gelistic conquests.

Tell your pastor NOW to get
ready to go at the expense of the
church. Business concerns send

their workers to conferences and
feel that the money is well-spent.
Let's not allow secular business
firms to use better judgement than
the churches.

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How to Write Church News For The Record

The Baptist Record gladly wel-
comes any news that is sent by
anyone. But not everyone knows
how to prepare copy for a news-
paper. And first and foremost, the
Baptist Record is a newspaper. We
give precedence to news over oth-
er kinds of articles. But whether
an essay on some subject or a
news article about some event,
there are a few things that would
help.

Editor L. L. Carpenter of the
Biblical Recorder (N. C.) recently
had a timely editorial entitled
HOW TO WRITE CHURCH
NEWS. We invite our readers to
read Dr. Carpenter's helpful arti-
cle which follows:

We appreciate a copy of a
booklet written by Mr. Holt
McPherson, managing editor of
the Shelby Daily Star, on
the subject, "Churchmen —
Let's Go To Press." The auth-
or says, "This booklet is pub-
lished in the hope that
churches, their ministers and
officials, may better present
religious news through the
press. This booklet will un-
doubtedly be helpful toward
this end. Mr. McPherson
writes that the Star Publish-
ing Company has additional
copies free for the asking for
those who are interested. It
would be well for at least one
leader in each local church to
have a copy of this pamphlet
and follow its instructions in
getting more and better pub-
licity for the church.

The five W's, the funda-
mental bases of any story, ac-
cording to Mr. McPherson,
are: Who, What, When,
Where, Why—and sometimes
how. In writing stories for the
paper, he says, it will be well
to keep in mind these rules:

1. State facts only, not per-
sonal opinion.

2. Tell your story briefly, in
simple language, then stop.

3. Make the story accurate,
coherent, simple in construc-
tion.

4. Paragraph and punctuate
with care.

5. Take extreme care with
names, initials, titles, hours,
subjects.

6. Avoid slang, wordiness,
involved sentences, abbrevia-
tions, editorializing.

7. Be prompt with your re-
port.

8. Omit suggesting head-

lines or placement of your
story.

9. Don't get miffed when
your story is altered to con-
form to newspaper style.

This matter of more and
better publicity for our
churches is important. We
could quote other practical
suggestions from Mr. Mc-
Pherson, but get the booklet
for yourself and read it.

However, we do want to
quote one other short para-
graph which makes an inter-
esting statement in regard to
the great amount of goodness
in the world:

"It's the unusual that most
readily makes the grade as
news. Goodness still is the
usual thing in the lives of most
men and women, which means
that church news competes
with the unusual for the space
it gets. That, however, doesn't
mean only bad news gets into
the paper, as you'll be con-
vinced by checking any good
paper."

We would also add a few extra
words of advice.

1. If a typewriter is available
use it. If written in longhand, be
certain that every word is legible.

2. Never write on both sides of
the paper.

3. Be certain to leave at least
one and one-half inches at top and
bottom of page and the same at
each side.

4. Don't generalize by using such
terms as "Goodly," "approximate-
ly," "about," "several" and "fine."

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we
consider one of the best editorials
coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Let "The Nawth" Please Take Notice

The north has often berated the
South for its treatment of Negroes.
It is admitted with shame that there
have been instances of mistreatment.
But the situation is steadily improving
and guilt in the case is not confined
to the South. It is found "up Nawth."
too.

In certain particulars, Washington
is notorious for its treatment of the
Negro—Washington, which uses the
Negro question to browbeat the South.

Not long ago, a correspondent in
one of our papers who signed him-
self "Yankee," said the following:

From my observations after resid-
ing in the South for over 35 years, I
find conditions here are no worse than
they are in many of the states from
which we hear so much criticism of
our treatment of the colored people.

George S. Schuyler, is an editor and
columnist of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Cou-
rier, one of the leading Negro publica-
tions in the country. This Negro writer
visited the South and recorded his

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Sparks & Splinters

ERROR: THE PRINTERS MIXED UP the paragraph in last week's Record concerning Miss Margaret Ray. The facts are that Miss Ray has resigned as church secretary at Main Street, Hattiesburg, to become secretary to Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Theological Seminary.

THE BAPTIST RECORD GREATLY appreciates the nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Enon Church, Winston County. The list was sent by G. H. Ellis.

REV. BRYAN SIMMONS RECENTLY preached at Ogden Church, Yazoo County, where Rev. D. A. Martin is pastor. Ogden was the first church which the Rev. Mr. Simmons served as pastor, which has been more than 50 years ago. The church now has full-time services. Dr. Simmons hopes that other churches where he served in other years will extend a similar invitation. Ogden church has the E. F. Plans of the BR.

REV. W. J. MORRIS, WHOSE AD-dress is 1415 West 16th Avenue, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is giving his full-time to evangelism and is available for meetings in Mississippi. Mr. Morris has held several meetings in Mississippi. Among them are: Quinton, Silver Springs, Harpersville and McAdams. Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of the First Church, Pine Bluff, warmly commends Mr. Morris.

ON JANUARY 23 LEAF RIVER church ordained Rev. Rhue Vaughn, who is a student at Clarke College, to the full ministry of the gospel. The ordination sermon was preached by the pastor.—Mrs. F. W. Lancaster, reporter.

HOSVILLE AND PLEASANT HOME Churches, Jones County, joined in a Bible study week, January 24-28. Thirty completed the course. Pastor Eugene Fleming taught Studies in John's Gospel; Miss Junita Kelly, Training in Church Membership; Mrs. Tracy Moss, The Junior Baptist.

FOR CHRIST IN CHINA (75c), BY Archibald M. McMillan and published by The Broadman Press, is a challenging and inspiring mission study book. Mr. McMillan has recorded in it an interesting and fascinating manner his experiences and observations in China during the Second World War. This up-to-the-minute record of great need there will challenge Christians to do more for China and the rest of the world. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

THE STORY OF JESUS (\$1.95) BY Bradford Smith and published by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Pa., is a chronological account of the life of Jesus, taken intermittently from the King James version of the Gospels. Only punctuation and typography have been altered. When an account is given in each of the Gospels, the most complete account is recorded in this book, thus avoiding repetition. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. —(RNS)—The executive board of the Oklahoma County Baptist Association voted unanimously at a meeting here to fight repeal on the radio, in pulpits, in the legislature and through a person-to-person campaign. Wet forces in Oklahoma are circulating a petition calling for a referendum on repeal.

THE BIBLE IS A REVELATION OF God—his mind and plan and purpose. It is from God, about God, and for God. It is a record of God's redemptive activity in human history. Therefore, the Bible helps us to know what kind of person God is, how he feels toward man, whom he created in his own image, what he has done and is doing to express his love and to accomplish his purpose of goodness and truth. . . Editorial in The Teacher.

HOW TERRIBLY THE CAUSE OF Christ suffers because of incompetent witnesses. . . John L. Hill in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

DR. W. R. WHITE, PRESIDENT OF Baylor University, is to be the featured speaker in the Bible Conference at Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, in February.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Meadville launched a building program Sunday, January 30. The offering for the building budget was \$5,000.00. The present plant shall be used for an Educational building. Four new members were added to the church membership, two by letter, and two for Baptism.

THE PUBLICATION OF A NEW abridged edition of Dean Frederic W. Farrar's *LIFE OF CHRIST* (\$2.50) has been announced by the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan. This incomparable Christian classic, which has stood at the top of the great number of biographies of our Lord, has been condensed and edited by Theodore W. Engstrom, editor of the *CHRISTIAN DIGEST*. The publication of this new edition is especially timely inasmuch as the International Sunday School Lessons for the first two quarters of 1949 cover the life and earthly ministry of Christ. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RE-ceived a copy of the minutes of the Alcorn Association, which was sent by Rev. H. B. Speights of Corinth, moderator. The minutes are well prepared and the printers did a good job.

A SOURCE BOOK OF INTERBIBLICAL HISTORY (\$5.75) by W. Hersey Davis and Edward A. McDowell and published by the Broadman Press, presents in the original sources the leading events in the history of the Jewish people from around 400 B. C. to the fall of Jerusalem in A. D. 70. This book was written to aid college and seminary students in studying the interbiblical period and the secular history. Dr. Davis is Professor of New Testament interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville and Dr. McDowell is Associate professor in the same department. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

PARIS —(RNS)— SEVERAL CITY councils in the predominantly Catholic western provinces of France have voted credits to help parents meet the cost of church school education for their children. One report reaching here said that the Municipal Council of Angers had voted a grant of two million francs to the Catholic University there.

AT THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION for the spring semester at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley California, twenty-three new names were added to the roster of students. The list of 98 matriculates for the fall semester is thus brought up to 121 for the session. Corresponding figures for 1947 were 46 and for 1948 they were 821.

WILLIS J. RAY HAS BEEN NAMED as president of the Grand Canyon College to be opened next September by Arizona Baptists. He will continue his work as state mission secretary.

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE BOYS and girls will enjoy reading *SECRETS OF OLD STORMY* (\$2), by Elsie Grant Henson and published by The Broadman Press. It tells of 11 year old Reul, who lived in the time of Paul not far from Old Stormy, a dark and mystery mountain, where bands of robbers and persecuted Christians often hid. Reul's desire to explore this mountain leads to many thrilling adventures. His friendship with Timothy and his ultimate acceptance of Christ are highpoints in the book. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

MISS ANITA HEADRICK, WHO GRAD-uated from Blue Mountain College in 1947, has been elected executive secretary of the Laurel Girl Scout Council, Inc., Laurel. Miss Headrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Headrick of Laurel.

MEN WIN OR LOSE, SUCCEED OR fail in life because of the choices they make and the use they make of the power of God by faith.

ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR THE Evangelistic Conferences at Columbus March 1-3 are to be made through the First Church, Columbus. Because of crowded conditions men are asked to stay two in a room. Beds in homes are free to all who desire them.

ON MONDAY JANUARY 24, THE men of Steens Creek Church, Florence met and organized a Brotherhood with twenty-four charter members. W. R. Roberts, State Brotherhood Secretary, brought the message, after which refreshments were enjoyed.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: W. S. Hardin, Drew; William M. Tabb, Ridgeland; W. E. Hardy, Georgetown; Ann Fullilove, Clinton; A. Thomas Talbert, Baton Rouge, La.; H. S. Reeves, Jackson; Eugene M. Fleming, Juanita Kelly, Moss; P. L. Bard, Ethel; Mrs. Lloyd A. Buckhalter, Bogue Chitto.

THE MANY FRIENDS OF THE REV. W. L. Meadows, Quitman pastor, who for three weeks has suffered from a heart ailment, will be glad to know that he is much improved and is now able to be up.

THE BUILDING FUND OF THE FIRST Church, Meadville has reached \$10,500, with \$5,500 having been given last week. The Rev. B. T. Bishop is the pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, WINONA, PASSED the goal of \$666 set for Demonstration Day. The offering is now \$795. The Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, is the pastor.

ELRAINE CHURCH, ON THE EDGE of Jackson, broke previous records in Sunday School attendance February 6 with 175 present. During the past six months 100 new members have been enlisted, with 13 being added Sunday. R. C. Ingram is the Sunday School superintendent. Pastor R. R. Newman attributes the success to a better trained teaching faculty. Recently 32 awards were issued for the Study of John.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF New York City was led in a blessed revival experience under the leadership of Dr. W. F. Powell of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee recently. The campaign was unique in character and was "beamed" toward Southern Baptists in the New York area. Many Southern pastors sent the names and addresses of their people living in the New York area to Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of the church.

THIS CHURCH. . . IS A BAPTIST Church. As such it stands without apology for the Faith once for all delivered to the Saints. . . Is a Missionary Baptist Church. As such it cooperates with other churches of like faith and order in maintaining a staff of six hundred sixty Missionaries in 25 foreign countries and a thousand or more Missionaries and other workers within the United States. . . Is a Cooperating Missionary Baptist Church. As such it gives through the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists. This plan enables all Baptist Churches, individual Baptists, to help proportionately in carrying out the Great Commission. . . Is a Local Cooperating Missionary Baptist Church. As such it is separate from the State, independent of every other religious body, determining its own policies and making its own program in the light of the teaching of the Holy Scriptures.—West Laurel Bulletin.

THE BIBLE CANNOT BE UNDER-stood if people approach it in the spirit of superstition or fail to apply sound principles of reason and judgement. All the owners of the mind ought to be consecrated in the study of the Scriptures. Finally, we must come to the Bible submissively. Since it is God's Word, it speaks with authority. The authority of omnipotence, omniscience, and infinite love should constrain us to accept the Bible as the absolute and final guide for all matters of faith, conduct, and service. . . Editorial in The Teacher.

PROTESTANT BROADCAST BANNED IN ATHENS

ATHENS—(RNS)—Religious broadcasts in Greece will, in the future, be controlled by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church which has appointed a radio committee of three metropolitans.

Appointment of the committee followed the banning, at the request of the Holy Synod, of a Sunday broadcast over the Athens radio station sponsored by the Oriental Missionary Society. The broadcast consisted of Bible readings, a sermon, and hymns sung by a young people's choir of the Greek Evangelical Church.

Enoria, religious weekly here, commenting on the action of the Holy Synod, stressed that Sunday broadcasts were assuming "a completely Protestant color."

"It is the duty of the State Church," it said, "to teach some foreigners as well as some Greek Protestants, who are happily only few, that Greek Orthodoxy is not a vineyard without a fence around it."

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SELECTED EDITORIAL

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impressions. While, of course, he found some things which he criticized, yet note the following paragraphs from his pen:

... For all the faults of the South, it must be admitted that colored people are better off there than any other minority elsewhere with comparable background — and I believe I have more information about the position of minorities in other countries than most people.

Right now the South is prosperous. Negroes everywhere can purchase homes and farms, and they are doing so. Nowhere is there studied insult or discourtesy within the social framework of the section, and everywhere Negroes tell me that persecution and police brutality are rarely encountered — and they should know.

... It is an insult to these (colored) people to say that they are terrorized and persecuted, and nevertheless remain (in the South), when the price of bus or railroad coach fare would place them above the Potomac and Ohio Rivers. Since they elect to stay there, they must try to better their conditions there, which certainly cannot be done by antagonizing the people amongst whom they must live.

Let "the Nawth" please take notice! Recently, in Alabama an all-white jury found a white man guilty of criminally assaulting a young Negro woman and fixed his punishment at 45 years in prison. Who said that in the South "justice is color blind?" Can "the Nawth" excel this case of justice?

Two or three weeks ago in Gallatin, Tenn., a Negro was severely burned by a sudden fire in a grease pit. He was carried to the hospital and blood transfusion was called for, and eight white men volunteered for it. Moreover, under the leadership of his employer, H. W. Fenker, the community is caring for the family, the wife and eight children. Santa Clause visited the home with presents for the children. The injured Negro's pay check is sent his wife each week, and he will also receive full compensation to offset his medical expenses.

Can the North beat this? Can the North equal it? And this was in the "backward, wayward South!"—Baptist and Reflector.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

SPECIAL NOTICE!

The pamphlet "Home Mission Needs" suggested in the March Week of Prayer literature will be an 8-page section of the March issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* (pp. 7-14) instead of a separate pamphlet and will be titled "Achievements and Objectives in Home Missions." After, not before, March 1 this pamphlet will be available and subject to order from the Home Mission Board.

HOME MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER -- FEB. 28 - MARCH 4

OUR WORK DEPENDS UPON YOUR GIFTS

By J. B. Lawrence

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Home Mission Board of Our S. B. C.

We rejoice in the support which Woman's Missionary Union is giving to the Home Mission work through the Annie Armstrong Offering. During the years of struggle under the burden of debt this offering was a life-saver to Home Missions. We have come again, because of the decrease in the percentage which Home Missions will receive from the Cooperative Program to look to the W. M. U. for a large part of our support. Your gifts in the Annie Armstrong Offering are our only hope of maintaining our work as now projected, and keeping all of our missionaries in the field.

Our needs have never been greater, nor our opportunities more challenging than now. Home Missions is more fundamentally important in the world program of Christ than ever before. The evangelization of our homeland and the mobilization of the evangelized is necessary to the progress of the gospel in lands afar. As someone has said, Home and Foreign Missions are alternate beats of the same heart of love, but Home Missions is the first beat. An evangelized home land is the promise of a world's evangelization.

In the past few years, Home Mission fields have been greatly enlarged. By the action of our convention thousands of square miles of territory and millions of people have been added. The field now stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific and includes, in addition to Cuba and the Canal Zone, Kansas, Alaska, Costa Rica and Panama. In this vast field there are at least 75,000,000 people, 35,000,000 of whom will never have a chance to hear about Christ and be saved unless the gospel is sent to them. That is the task of your Home Mission Board, and we are depending on the Annie Armstrong Offering to enable us to send missionaries to these lost millions.

Alaska and Costa Rica are primitive mission fields for the gospel. In Alaska there are 40,000, or more, natives—Eskimos and Indians—in addition to the American population in places where no mission work is being done. Costa Rica and Panama are also wide open mission fields where there are hundreds of thousands of immortal souls who will die without Christ if missionaries are not sent to them. These fields of need added by the Convention, have increased the task of the Home Mission Board by twenty percent. These enlarged fields, and the new tasks growing out of the changing social and economic conditions, here in the homeland, demand an enlarged Home Mission budget, just at a time when the allocation made to Home Missions by the Convention is materially cut.

In 1949 instead of getting 18 per cent

from the southwide Co-operative Program receipts, we will get only 16.5 per cent. The operating budget of the Convention has been pegged at \$4,000,000, which means that we can receive only \$640,000 from the Co-operative Program in 1949 against \$720,000, which we received in 1948. If we continue our present mission work and do anything in the new fields that have been added, the \$640,000 we will receive will not begin to meet our need. We are depending on the Annie Armstrong Offering for the rest of the money we must have to maintain our work.

We are not doing all that ought to be done in the fields now occupied in the homeland. There are 20,000,000 people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, who are wholly unchurched. Our 26,000 churches, 16,000 pastors, and 18 state mission boards are not reaching them with their present programs. They are people without a chance. Unless someone sends missionaries to them they will die without Christ. We need, and must have a budget of \$2,000,000 to meet our obligations to the lost—the hopelessly lost—in our Home Mission fields.

Christ came to seek and to save the lost. He has called us into this service of saving the lost. If you want your gifts to go where they will serve Christ in winning the lost, then you cannot give to a better cause than Home Missions. If you love the lost and want to see them saved, there is no place where your dollars will do more than in Home Missions. During the entire history of the Home Mission Board there has been one conversion reported for every \$45.00 spent. The average was better last year. Counting the entire expenditures of the Board in its overhead, mission work, and building program there was one profession of faith for every \$40.00 spent. This means that every time you give \$40.00 to Home Missions you make it possible for a lost soul to find Christ.

My dear friends, will you not keep this in mind when you make your offering? Think of the souls your dollars will save. Think of the souls the dollars your society gives will save. How many names will you write in the Lamb's Book of Life? How many souls will you help to pass through the Beautiful Gate? For each \$40.00 given you will make it possible for one soul to greet you in Glory? May a host be there to greet you as the result of your offering with its \$1,000,000 goal.

EFFECTIVE TEACHING IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL demands that the class members engage in learning activities. This is true because people learn better by doing things. Good teaching is more a matter of starting the pupil on the right activity than of doing something for him. . . D. D. Lewis in *The Sunday School Builder*.

-- BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT --

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

Lebanon and Jackson County Churches Set Up Associational Brotherhood Organizations

The churches in Jackson County and Lebanon Association met on Monday and Tuesday evenings, January 17 and 18 and organized the Associational Brotherhood. Jackson County men met with Ocean Springs Church and there were almost a hundred men there. We have never seen the spirit finer on the coast than at the present time. The men of the Lebanon Association met at Petal-Harvey Baptist Church with over a hundred men present and they really walked around in Zion. At the close of the program at each place, the men elected the following officers:

Jackson County Association

President — Mr. J. H. Simpson, Pascagoula.

Program Vice - President — Mr. Charles T. Hightower, Moss Point.

Attendance Vice-President — Mr. Dock Josey, Ocean Springs.

Promotion Vice-President — Mr. C. S. Poole, Pascagoula.

Chorister — Mr. Earl Perkins, Moss Point.

Advisory Committee:

Reverend W. W. Kyzar, Jr., Kreole.

Reverend W. C. Wyatt, Biloxi.

Reverend Roosevelt Hudson, Pascagoula.

Lebanon Association

President — Mr. Pat Rogers, Petal.

Program Vice-President — Mr. Pat Harper, Hattiesburg.

Attendance Vice-President — Mr. L. G. Bowling, Hattiesburg.

Promotion Vice-President — Mr. T. C. Hobby, Hattiesburg.

Chorister — Mr. Harold Blakeney, Hattiesburg.

Secretary-Treasurer — Dr. Bill Goyer, Hattiesburg.

Advisory Committee:

Reverend M. V. McKinster, Hattiesburg.

Reverend Garland McInnis Hattiesburg.

'COME TO CHURCH' PROJECT SPREADS

COLUMBUS, Ga. — (RNS)—A 'Come to Church' project which started here seven years ago has become a statewide program aimed at promoting greater church attendance in Georgia the year around.

The Georgia Junior Chamber of Commerce of which W. W. Henry is president, has adopted the plan which first was sponsored here by Columbus Jaycees. Hearn Lumpkin, of Columbus, has been named state chairman.

Working in cooperation with the more than 100 churches in Columbus for the past seven years, the civic club has met with resounding success in attracting large congregations during one month of each year, and has contributed to increased attendance throughout the years.

This April, the program will be put into effect over all of Georgia for the first time, and club leaders hope for similar results. The four Sundays in that month will be advertised as special "Come to Church" Sundays, with the civic club carrying out the theme by promoting a "family week," and "youth services."

Weekly postal cards will be mailed, Jaycees and their families will wear lapel tags and Jaycee welcoming committees will greet church goers during the month.

Dr. Joel C. Murphy, Hattiesburg. New Brotherhoods In January

It was our happy privilege to report five Brotherhoods to the Southwide office for January 1949. We should like to go up to a hundred, or more, new Brotherhoods this year and certainly January was a good start. Normally, our work is not so flourishing in January, but this has been the hottest month that we have had on the road. The new Brotherhoods are:

Bunker Hill, Marion County, Rev. H. D. Jordan, pastor.

Florence First, Rankin County, Rev. L. C. Hoff, pastor, Mr. H. J. Waller, president, and Mr. J. L. Alliston, secretary.

Hickory Baptist, Newton County, Rev. Lewis Curtis pastor, Mr. J. L. Hailey, president, and Mr. A. J. Horne, secretary.

Salem Church, Walthall County, Rev. J. Dallas Wallace, pastor, and Mr. Z. E. Rushing, president.

Siwell Baptist, Hinds County, Rev. Lewis V. Wells, pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

February 6, 1949

Laurel, First	585	146
Laurel, Second Avenue	418	115
Crystal Springs	621	175
New Albany, First	523	150
Mission	33	34
Jackson, North Side	430	135
Jackson, Van Winkle	389	206
Jackson, Parkway	711	247
Parkway Chapel	107	45
Jackson, Elaine	175	90
Jackson, Calvary	1154	292
Calvary Mission	23	16
Byram (Hinds County)	134	120
West Point	512	150
Overt	31	
Corinth, Tate Street	270	74
De Lay	60	53
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	80	54
Bethel (Copiah County)	151	120
Popular Springs (Simpson County)	119	
Brookhaven, First	972	270
East Columbia	77	44
East Moss Point	168	46
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	96	86
South Laurel	75	44
Holly Springs	46	50
Buciah (Simpson County)	191	129
Ridgeland	56	34
Zion Hill (Copiah County)	65	64
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	86	37
Durant, First	195	77
Chalybeate	49	23
Newton	487	203
Tupelo, Harrisburg	354	112
West Corinth	174	90
Wallerville	92	35
Center (Union County)	147	70
O'Flockola (Yalobusha County)	43	
Darling	53	26
Columbia, First	889	271
Brandon	178	54
Gulfport, First	596	143
West Laurel	425	101
Providence (Forrest County)	142	82
Bruce	234	81
Winona, First	397	57
Kreole, First	108	77
Union (Pearl River County)	133	78
Friendship (Pike County)	133	64
Wellmon (Lincoln County)	50	48
New Zion (Copiah County)	98	75
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	72	41
Oral (Lebanon Association)	72	34
Centreville	155	49
Hattiesburg, Main Street	822	261
Carmel Church	66	43
Sharon, First	107	83
Lucedale	289	91
Booneville, First	266	107

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary



MISS MARY VIRGINIA LEE

Miss Mary Virginia Lee, superintendent of Intermediate work, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be with us for the Intermediate conferences at our Mississippi Sunday School Convention at Columbus, March 8-9.

Miss Lee is one of four most capable Sunday school leaders in the South, and we know that many Intermediate leaders in the state will surely not miss this great opportunity.

DON'T MISS THE CONVENTION

Be sure and remember the date—March 8-9.

This is the date of our Mississippi Sunday school Convention in the First Baptist Church, Columbus.

We have the best to be secured for our program personnel. They are the South's finest; and that means for the world.

So, be sure and make your plans to attend and get the help from those two great days.

STAYING OVERNIGHT?

If you want over night entertainment at Columbus for the State Sunday School Convention, March 8-9, please write Reservations Committee, First Baptist Church, Columbus Miss. and you will be assigned a home.

Do this at once so that you will be in ample time.

NURSERY EMPHASIS

In every community there are a number of parents who cannot attend Sunday school unless they take their babies with them. If these parents follow the line of the least resistance, they stay at home. If on the other hand, they take their babies with them into their classes and to other services, they must of necessity divide their attention between the babies and what is going on. In addition, they always feel embarrassed when their babies are restless or fretful because they know they are disturbing others. As a result they tend to become discouraged and to drop out after a few Sundays. Gradually they come to accept the situation and lose interest in the church and its activities.

When the church provides a suitably equipped, carefully supervised Nursery where babies can be safely left, these

parents can take their normal places in the life of the school with easy minds. Thus the Nursery serves to encourage and promote the regular channel of parents on both Sunday school and preaching services. The Nursery department serves the very vital purpose of helping to preserve the unity of the home. It also encourages the parents to avail themselves of opportunity for Bible instruction with full assurance that their babies will be cared for properly. Many of our young parents have the ability to serve in the Sunday school organization. A Nursery that cares for their babies allows these parents to take places of responsibility.

Is your church, through its Sunday school, providing for the babies? Do you have a Nursery department? If not, won't you organize one during February? The Baptist Sunday School Board has a free offer of material for all churches who will organize a Nursery department. A blank on which to request this material may be secured by writing to the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCH

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton

Called and accepted:

Harry Meadors, N. Athens Church, Athens, Tenn., from Association Missionary, Harlan, Ky.;

A. H. Keith, Corinth Church, Corgin, Ky.;

J. D. Hearndon, Buena Vista Church, Owensboro, Ky., from Horse Cave;

Jeff Lewis, Whitesboro, Okla., from Prairie Grove;

Raymond Thomasson, Monroe, Okla., from Leflore;

James G. Porter, Greenville, Okla.;

F. W. Crow, Calvary, Shawnee, Okla., from Earlsboro;

James D. Wyatt, Mt. Signal Church, Ala., from Tenth Avenue Birmingham;

R. E. Owen, First Moulton, Ala., from Clanton;

Carey R. Moser, Mt. Pleasant Church, Roanoke, Va.;

Tom Baird, First, Como, Tex., from Hainesville Church, Mineola;

Douglas M. White, First Bassett, Va.; from Dewitt, Ark.;

B. F. Woods, Canton, Ga., to Holly Springs, Noonday Association, Ga.

N. A. Medford, from Marietta, Ga., to Toonigh church, Noonday Association, Ga.

James T. Manley, from Smyrna, Ga., to Woodstock church, Noonday Association, Ga.

Homer G. Fowler, from Bethel church, Columbus, Ga., to Northside church, Manchester, Ga.

W. H. Barrett, from Sparta, Ga., retired from pastorate, to Atlanta, Ga.

Charles Sneed from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to St. Marys church, Ga.

W. Woodmore Harrison, from First church, Lake View, Ga., to First church, Carthage, Ga.

Ronald A. Smith, from Sharon church, Atlanta, Ga., to Central church, Phenix City, Ala.

Thomas V. McCaul, retires after 26 years as pastor of First church, Gainesville, Fla.

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POTPOURRI

Delta State BSUs gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, fixed fifty packages containing home-made candy and fruit for the Mound City Mission, gave \$25 to an underprivileged family, collected five duffle bags full of clothing for World Relief and decided to stage another drive in the spring, according to a recent epistle from Dot Lee Merrill, Student Sec'y. . . Pastor (if you've read this far): if you are in need of a good church secretary, let us know. At this writing, we know of one. . . Did you know that our State Social Chm., Jimmy McCaleb, of Miss. College is Director of Music at East Baptist Church, Greenville? . . . Four Blue Mt. girls are definitely going to Stockholm, according to Student Sec'y Helen Bolt. . . About 35 Perkinson Jr. students took part on a recent program at the church there, according to Mrs. W. F. Haley, Student Sec'y. . . MSCW BSUs gave \$46 to Foreign Missions recently. . . Woman's College students collected 112 pounds of clothing for World Relief, had a "foodless banquet," gave \$100, also to World Relief. . . Building boys is better than mending men, said Chas. H. Spurgeon. . . A gentleman is one who thinks more of other people's rights than of his own feelings.—Matthew Buckham. . . S. A. Salter, Student Sec'y at Miss State, writes: "We have a missionary volunteer. But he is 'peculiar' enough to want to go under his own power, as a layman, as a soils expert. He wants to make his vocation and his training

count for Christ." Several lines later he says, "Maybe I try to do things too fast. But maybe the forces of evil are trying to work fast also — atomic bombs, satellite bombing platforms, germ and epidemic warfare." . . .

A recent and only partial survey of our Miss. campuses reveals that on 13 there are 6,036 Baptists, on 8 there are 632 Baptist preference, on 10 there are 811 student members of local churches, on 11 there are 1189 students enlisted in BSU activities, on 5 there are 1064 tithers, from 6 a total of \$4138.54 was given to local churches by students in three months, on 8 there were 984 unsaved students, on 5 there were 12 converted in three months, on 13 there was an average daily prayer meeting attendance of 807, on 14 there were 573 students to join the local churches in three months. Study these figures in the light of the fact that they represent reports from fewer than half the colleges of Miss. We have at least 8,000 Baptist students in our State, and about 50 colleges of all types, nearly every one of which has Baptists enrolled. What a challenge to all of us Miss. Baptists! . . . Blue Mt. students recently gave \$188 to foreign missions, had 45 students participating in mission Sunday School and singing groups, gave gifts at the mission Sunday School through the Y. W. A. . . Demosthenes was the greatest orator of Greece at 25, and at the same age Cicero was Rome's greatest speaker. William Gladstone was a member of the British House of Commons at 24.

CALL TO BREAKFAST WAS CALL TO PRAYER

By Duke K. McCall

"BREAKFAST is ready!"

As long as I can remember that has been the call to family worship in my parent's home.

As I think back, it must have been exceedingly difficult to maintain that family altar in my home. There were five children. Some of us had to be pried out of bed and pushed off to school. Others bounced out at 5:00 a. m. It did not matter, however if one of us was trying to rub his eyes open while another displayed his impatience to be off by nervous squirming, time was taken for Bible reading and prayer.

Maintaining a family altar takes determination. At least one member of the family must be convinced that a soul will starve without food as quickly as the body. Then just as much effort will go into maintaining a family altar as goes into arranging three meals a day.

"Family Worship Every Day in Every Baptist Home" — slogan of Southern Baptists' campaign for 100,000 new family altars — is a great spiritual goal.

SOUTHWEST PASTORS TO MEET MONDAY MORNING

The program of the Southwest Pastors' Conference, meeting at Foxworth on February 14, is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a. m. with a devotional led by Rev. W. W. Tipton.

The morning program also includes an exposition on preaching, by the Rev. E. C. Edwards, and of Scripture, by the Rev. W. A. Sullivan. Following the business session the new pastor at Calvary Church, Pricedale, the Rev. Telton Barnes, will deliver the morning message.

Dinner will be served at 12 and the meeting will adjourn at 1:00 p. m.

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BACCALAUREATE SERVICE TO BE DROPPED

BRADFORD, Vt. —(RNS)— A baccalaureate service, usually held in a Protestant church here, will be dropped as a part of the graduation exercises of Bradford academy.

Almon C. Burgess, chairman of the trustees, told Religious News Service that the action was taken to conform with the recent Supreme Court ruling barring religious instruction in the public schools.

Meanwhile the Rev. Edward J. Vorba and the Rev. Roger W. Fitzgerald, speaking for the local Congregational and Methodist churches, issued an invitation to the 1949 graduating class at the academy to a baccalaureate service to be held without official connection.

A Catholic group at the academy, it was learned, had requested that baccalaureate worship be removed from Protestant churches.

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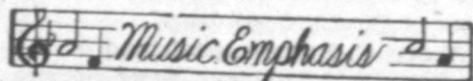
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REV. L. G. SANSING

Meet the State Training Union President:

Coming into the office of president of the State Training Union Convention at the meeting of the convention December 28th was Rev. L. G. Sansing, pastor of the Booneville Baptist Church. Brother Sansing has always been a Training Union booster, believer in it because before and since being a pastor he has witnessed the training union in action, seeing the results for good that accrued from its activities. Brother Sansing is loved by a host of young people all over our state having been in many youth meetings as speaker and advisor. No pastor is better loved by his own church membership than is Brother Sansing. The Booneville church has just completed a splendid educational building that now makes possible space and equipment for their growing educational program. We share with you this word from President Sansing: "Experience has taught us that Training Union is a MUST in our churches. All of our organizations are fine and we are for them, but none affords greater opportunity for joint participation and friendly intermingling of church folk. A preacher of another faith worshipping in our church one Sunday evening observed the size of the congregation and asked 'How do you get them here?' My answer was, Training Union helps! Build and use your training unions." Brother Sansing is boosting for the largest Training Union convention in our history next December 29 - 30. Check those dates now. Note TWO days instead of one.



On Sunday afternoon January 23, the Copiah County Hymn Singing was held in the Hazlehurst Baptist Church between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock. The Hymn Singing Association is under the capable leadership of Mr. E. F. Fullington of the Hazlehurst Baptist Church. The people of Copiah County have been enjoying such a festival on Sunday afternoon, once each month, for about two years. During this period the interest has grown steadily.

This is the most unique music festival we have had the opportunity to



OLA KATE SHEPARD

Ola Kate Shepard of the Walnut Grove church has an enviable record. She has been a faithful member of the Junior Union, active in all the work of the union, always willing to cooperate the ready to do whatever she was called upon to do. She has had a perfect score in the Junior memory work both in the District and State conventions in which she has participated. Mrs. L. A. Keenean has been Ola Kate's leader in the Junior union. Having attained the age of 13 she has been promoted to the Intermediate union with Mrs. F. S. Franklin as her leader. We will expect Ola Kate to be just as fine as an Intermediate as she was a Junior, starting in the Intermediate Sword Drill.

"D" Day for the next week: Tomorrow, Friday February 11, 1st Church Pascagoula; Saturday 12 1st Gulfport; Sunday afternoon 13 1st Picayune; Monday, 14, 1st Hattiesburg; Tuesday, 15, Foxworth; Wednesday, 16, Prentiss; Thursday, 17, Salem near Collins. Let EVERY member of EVERY union attend.

attend. The hymnals used in the festival were our own standard hymnals and quartet books as, The Broadman Hymnal, and Coleman's Quartet Books. The use of the Broadman Hymnal, and the Voice of Praise are, also, suggestions of the State Department in all of the music festivals, and the Copiah County Music Group is to be highly commended for making popular the use of these standard Baptist hymnals.

The program consisted of a fine variety of musical numbers. Some of the selections were as follows, Mens' ensembles, solos, full choirs using standard hymns, male quartets, women's choirs congregational singing, and mass choirs. These numbers were presented by the different church choirs and soloists.

One of the most interesting items of the festival was the presence of many of the pastors of the churches of the county. Near the center of the church was to be seen a large group of pastors sitting together. Surely, the Copiah County Hymn Festival is magnifying the motto of the late Mr. Luther Harrison namely, "Let All The People Sing."

MORTON CHURCH NOTES THREE YEARS GROWTH WITH PASTOR GERRARD

January 30 marked the close of three years in which R. Y. Gerrard has served as pastor of the Morton Church.

During that time there have been 98 additions to the church, 31 on profession of faith. The Church led in securing a Bi - County Missionary. "Youth Week" was established in the annual program, greatly strengthening the young people's work. New deacons have been ordained during the period.

Improvements in physical equipment include the purchase of song books, the installation of a Hammond organ, the placing of a bulletin board outside, the installation of a blower heater, and the addition of a typewriter and new lights in the study. A refrigerator and a ceiling fan have been purchased for the parsonage and other improvements have been made.

The church has stained glass windows, as a gift of Mrs. N. T. Stuart and family. A library of more than 900 books has been set up, a gift of the B. C. Rogers family.

During these three years the budget has grown from \$7,000 to \$9,000. Cooperative Program gifts have increased from \$1200 to \$2,000. A campaign is now underway for funds to build a church annex.

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Miss. College Nursery Opened Needs Chairs, Bed And Rugs

The nursery which has been set up by Mississippi College for the children of the preacher students will make it possible for their wives to attend classes. There are no charges at the nursery for mothers who attend school. There is a real need for some small chairs, a bed or two for the babies, some rugs to protect from the cold floor during the winter, and other items useful in nurseries. Anyone wishing to donate to this worthy undertaking can contact Mrs. Guy Futrell, at Clinton, one of the students' wives, who is directing the project.

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NORTHWEST PASTORS TO MEET FEBRUARY 15

The Northwest Pastors' Conference is to meet at the First Church, on February 15 beginning at 9:45 a. m. with a devotional by Rev. Leonard Baird.

On the morning program Rev. Charles Skutt is to discuss Revival Evangelism, Rev. H. H. Aultman will present the Woman's College Campaign, and Rev. W. P. Davis, will bring the morning address.

The afternoon session includes a Religious Book Review by Rev. H. H. Aultman and business.

The meeting will adjourn at 3 p. m.

T. HARVEY HEDGEPEETH, LAWYER, GIVES LECTURES ON THE TRIAL OF JESUS Honored With Reception

The great auditorium of First Church, Jackson, was filled with many sitting in the balcony for the prayer service Wednesday, February 2, which was the first in a series of four prayer services to be led by Harvey Hedgepeth on "The Trial of Jesus from a Lawyer's Standpoint."

Mr. Hedgepeth, a deacon of First Church, and long prominent in religious affairs in Mississippi and Louisiana, is a prominent Jackson attorney. These lectures, although portrayed with original insight and imagination, are scriptural in fact and are presented along with an interpretation of the law of that day.

This series of religious lectures is sponsored by the deacons of the First Church and will continue through February.

Immediately following this initial service a reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hedgepeth was held in the church dining room. The pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins and his wife re-ceived the guests and presented them to the Hedgepeths and other church leaders.

40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD SR.

40 YEARS AGO

Dr. W. T. Lowrey, president of Mississippi College, announces that the college has 300 students and 350 is the goal set for the current session.

25 YEARS AGO

An Honor Roll of the ninety-seven churches in Mississippi having the Baptist Record in their budgets with the paper going into every home appears in the Feb. 7 issue. The editor says that these churches receive "over half of the total number of papers mailed out each week." The circulation was then about ten thousand.

Pastor D. W. Moulder announces their annual Bible Institute at White Oak church, Smith county, an "Inter-entertainment is provided free."

The Winona Baptist church welcomes their new pastor, Rev. E. V. Bostor, who comes from Oklahoma.

Pastor B. E. Phillips of New Hebron says that he has one hundred and ten boys and girls in the B. Y. P. U.'s of the churches he serves, who "are a great people to work with."

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GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

LINWOOD SWITCHES TO EVERY FAMILY

Having had the Baptist Record as a part of the program for several years, Linwood Church, Neshoba County, has decided to have it on the EVERY FAMILY Plan, rather than the individual plan. A. A. Young, treasurer recently sent a list of 41 to be added to the 14 paid subscriptions. They now have 55 Records going into the homes of Linwood members.

No doubt this church is now going to know more about Baptist work and thus do more. Rev. H. D. Hawkins is the pastor.

Baptist record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 1; Bethsaida, 9; Black Jack, 25; Bluff Springs, 1; Coldwater, 41; Crossroad, 1; Deemer, 3; Dixon, 27; Emmanuel, 22; Hope, 38; Linwood 55; Neshoba, 46; New Harmony, 29; New Hope, 44; Oak Grove, 23; Philadelphia, First, 279; Salem, 44; Sardis, 24; Spring Creek, 47; High Hill, 45.

WALNUT, QUITMAN COUNTY IS NO. 936

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Walnut Church on the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

A letter from Mrs. O. P. Sawyer brings the welcome news that Walnut church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Rev. James Henry Sherman is the pastor.

Record readers in the Riverside Association are now listed as follows: Belen, 17; Crowder, 85; Darling, 36; Hollywood, 25; Lambert, 71; Marks, 103; Sledge, 27; Dundee, 17; Tunica, 81; Adams-Memorial-Fairview, 2; Birdie, 2; Clarksdale, 261; Dublin, 2; Jonestown, 19; Lula, 62; Lyon, 81; Reynolds Memorial, 53; Union Chapel, 1; Walnut (Quitman Co.), 62.

THE PROOF WAS OKAY

The old saying, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof," still holds true.

A few weeks ago the Baptist Record was sent on trial for a few weeks to the Bethel Church, Chickasaw County. Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, pastor of the First Church, Houston, serves this church in connection with the Houston pastorate.

After the people had tried the Baptist Record they liked it and now Bethel Church is numbered among the more than 900 churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Chickasaw County now has Record readers listed as follows: Amity, 1; Arbor Grove, 12; Bethel, 32; Egypt, 9; Houlika, 9; Houston, 9; Mt. Olive, 23; Okolona, 116; Pleasant Ridge, 1; Union Chapel, 32; Woodland, 2; Providence, 15.

CALVARY, MONROE COUNTY, IS NO. 937

Rev. G. L. Ford, pastor of Calvary Church, Monroe County, having had experience with the Baptist Record in other churches, wanted it at Calvary, and a letter from him states that the church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

From now on the people of Calvary Church are going to know more about Mississippi Baptist work and world Baptist work because the Record goes

Blind Minister Lights The Dark

By Winnie Dudley



EDWIN WILSON

Editor Edwin Wilson of the Braille Evangel Baptist magazine for the blind, accepts the guidance of his secretary and reader, Mrs. Donald Orr, down icy steps at Cowden Tall, Southwestern seminary, Fort Worth. Mrs. Orr and her husband are students in the seminary school of music.

Out of physical darkness that has been his since the age of eight, Edwin Wilson lighted a light now brightly burning for over 5,000 persons.

That light is the Braille Evangel, a 64-page monthly magazine originated and edited by Wilson. Printed in Braille, the Evangel contains digests of stories, sermons, devotionals and inspirational material, largely from Southern Baptist publications. It is distributed free to blind readers in all states of the Union and 20 other countries, and is supported by contributions from interested friends and church organizations.

Receiving the enthusiastic approval of prominent Baptist leaders, he published the first issue in October 1946. Circulation climbed to 1,200 the first year, 2,000 the second year, and now stands at 5,000 in its third year.

At the end of the first year growing pains so dismayed advisors that their only hope was to raise enough cash to meet outstanding bills.

Through sightless eyes Edwin Wilson had clearer vision. He had de-

livered to their homes.

Monroe County Record readers are now listed as follows: Aberdeen, 232; Amory, 146; Athens, 30; Becker, 88; Carson, 9; Center Hill, 50; Central Grove, 42; Prairie 12; Splunge, 22; Calvary, 19.

Blue Mtn. Announces Light Opera Cast And Itinerary

Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 4—The cast, chorus and itinerary of Blue Mountain College's light opera this year, "Sweethearts," has been announced by Miss Linda Berry, head of the voice department. "Sweethearts" is one of the latest of the light operas of Victor Herbert, and has been presented all over the English-speaking world.

The premiere showing will be at Blue Mountain Feb. 25, after which it will be presented at the municipal auditorium, Clarksdale, Feb. 28; high school, Vicksburg, Mar. 2; municipal auditorium, Tyler Tex., Mar. 3; high school, Kosciusko, Mar. 4.

The cast consists of the following girls: Jessie Jean Jeffers, Tyler, Tex.; Norma Jean John, Jefferson City, Mo.; Lois Baker, Carbondale, Ill.; Betty McClure, Tupelo; Myrtle Cawood; Miram Preston, Nashville, Tenn.; Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City; Janelle Little, Lambert; Margaret Payne, Senatobia; Janice Crull, Greenwood; Charla Walters, Laurel; Betty Winn, Laurel; Jean Sproles, Delhi, La.; Mary Ann Boland, Tralake; and Jean Lipsey, Memphis, Tenn.

Girls in the chorus are: Barbara Birt, Greenwood; Angela Branyan, Memphis, Tenn.; Ann Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala.; Mary Grace Bumpus, Myrtle; Betty Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; Betty Cargile, Memphis, Tenn.; Evelyn Cruse, New Albany; June Day, Allie, Tex.; Doris Dempsey, Waltham, Mass.; Regina Duke, Gadsden, Ala.; Billie Dale Easterling, Sallito; Billie Gwin, Lexa, Ark.; Ora Sue Hollis, Chalysbeate; Sarah Hull, Memphis, Tenn.; Mary Jane Nethery, Tupelo; Margaret Ann Phillips, Memphis, Tenn.; Elizabeth Reynolds, Sumter, S. C.; Ruth Russell, New Albany; and Sallie Shanks, Sumner.

finite convictions about his call to this ministry. In less than six months bills were being paid promptly with a little balance in the bank.

For these achievements full credit is given to the faith, energy and talents of Edwin Wilson. Besides numbers from all states, Braille readers include ten blind students at Kunming, China, an evangelical pastor in Greece, and a blind native pastor in Ethiopia.

A broad educational background, including BS and MA degrees from Peabody college, and the BD which he will receive from Southwestern seminary in May, have well-fitted the editor for his position. With the assistance of Mrs. Donald Orr, secretary and reader, he selects and condenses articles of particular interest, and edits the magazine from his office at Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas.

IF HALF THE ENERGY WHICH is now being spent in the mad race to harness atomic energy were spent in the effort to strengthen families and make home Christian, we should not have to worry about the use to which atomic energy might be put. And, as someone has said, keeping homes together ought to be at least as important as taking the atom apart! . . . Rose Evelyn Kinsley in The Sunday School Builder.

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ADAMS COUNTY

A few weeks ago in this column we gave you a word concerning the clean-up campaign in Natchez. Since that time, I visited down there and find that they are making great strides in their crusade for civic righteousness. An attorney in Natchez is giving himself unreservedly and sacrificially in this campaign. One of the pastors wrote us a letter highly recommending this lawyer to all who need help in campaigns against beer and liquor. From what those who know him say concerning him, he would do a great job. If further information concerning him is desired, write us and we shall be glad to give it to you. Meanwhile let us be much in prayer for the work of our Lord in these strategic centers.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY

I preached for Brother Chumbley at Port Gibson January 16th, and the membership of his church are ready

to launch out into a crusade to oust beer from their county. They plan to begin operation soon.

LAFAYETTE AND MARSHALL COUNTIES

I spent the week-end of January 23rd working in Lafayette and Marshall counties. Sunday morning I was with Brother Courson at New Prospect Church in Lafayette County. We had a great hour. His people are deeply concerned about our work and are going to continue to fight against alcoholic beverage.

Sunday evening I was with Brother Howard Aultman and the saints at Holly Springs. It was a great Sunday night crowd, and their response brought unspeakable joy to my heart.

Let us be very much in prayer for the several counties that are now working to oust beer from their midst. There should be several local option elections in the state within the next few months.

ORAL GOES TO FULL TIME

"Effective Feb. 1st the Oral Baptist Church, Lebanon Association began its full-time program. This should be a great blessing for the community in Kingdom work.

The pastor, F. H. Rogers resigned the Victory Church in Jeff - Davis Ass'n to accept full-time at Oral. He states that he never worked with a more agreeable group of Christians than in these two Churches and only regrets that both churches could not do what Oral has done, namely, go into a full-time program."

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That every Mississippi Baptist should be a Baptist Record reader; that every Baptist needs to know what his denomination is doing; what his denomination plans to do and how it is to be done.

WE BELIEVE:

That our pastors and the leaders of the various organizations in our churches will cooperate in enlisting all the churches in carrying this important effort to success. To this end, the undersigned are urging every pastor, every Sunday School teacher, every W. M. U. officer, every deacon, every Training Union leader, every Brotherhood officer and every church officer to make an earnest effort to lead his church to the fullest possible support of The Baptist Record. We make this appeal with the confident hope that they will respond without delay.

WE BELIEVE:

That the weekly visits of The Baptist Record will advance every phase of the work of our churches and of our denomination and will bless and enrich the lives of our people. We also believe success in this effort to enlarge the circulation of The Baptist Record will bring nearer the time all our churches will support all our work and when all Mississippi Baptists will contribute to all causes.

WE BELIEVE:

That it will aid the work of every department of Mississippi work to have all our people reading The Baptist Record. We depend, in a large measure, on The Baptist Record to inform the people about our plans and programs. We use its columns to inspire our people to better efforts. We consider it an excellent assistant pastor and feel that the churches, pastors, people and ourselves will be benefitted by having The Baptist Record in every home.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. Bracey Champbell
Lesson for February Thirteenth
LEADING CHARACTERISTICS OF
FAITH, Mark 2:1-12

I. EFFORT TO INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT OF FAITH

I am well aware that this is not the subject of the lesson as prescribed by the committee, yet I have chosen to write of faith as is set forth in this passage rather than merely note the fact that our Lord faced growing opposition. "And seeing their faith." Well now, what is that, anyhow? Here was a man very sick, who has been in this sad condition a great while. Some friends of his were talking of the sick man and of Jesus, a remarkable young man who was showing Himself to be possessed with a power which enabled Him to confer the blessing of healing upon people who were sick.

So the friends of this paralyzed man got to talking of the cases of which they had heard wherein Jesus healed sick people, till at length first one and then all of them expressed a belief that Jesus could and would heal their ailing friend. So they decided to put the matter to the test by conveying their sick friend to Jesus and making request that He restore the sick man to health. Here is an example of faith. It is trust. It is exercise of confidence in one's self or another. It is believing with such assurance as to claim as actual the thing believed.

II. FAITH UNITES.

The four friends of the sick man got together. It is always thus with the faithful. It is thus that faith grows. One person of weak faith finds himself in company with another of like weak faith, but they were talking of what they have experienced, and the testimony of one gives strength to the other and the result is that they both gain strength of faith from the telling of their own as well as from listening to the testimony of the other. Out of this mutual strengthening there emerges a willingness to undertake something bigger and finer than either of them would undertake alone.

But let us not forget that we started out to say that faith unites. It is the only thing that will, faith in God, in the love of God, in the providence of God, in the power of God. Faith will unite men and women in a church of God, and faith will keep them united in a church which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.

III. FAITH WORKS

It always does. It may work on bent knees; it may work with folded hands; it may work with strong thigh, heaving chest and swinging shoulder; but it works. Faith is never a sluggard, never a loafer, never a tramp. Faith has its task always, it forever looks to the accomplishment of some big task for God. In the instant that a baby faith is born its infant hands, like the hands of to be held and done. Here is a personal another Jacob, grasp the heel of a task life to be made clean: faith say, "Go to! Clean it!" Here is a soul to be led to the Lord Christ: faith says, "Lead on! thou faithful one!" Here is a breach in fellowship to be healed: faith bids you heal it! A church home is to be built: faith says, "Build it!" Here is a great college to be endowed: faith says, "Get busy!"

Seek out the friends of Christian education who have the means and ask them to give! Do it! "Here is our sick friends. Maybe Jesus would heal him." All right, then, bring your friend to Jesus.

IV. FAITH MEETS OBSTACLES

Of course it does, always does. No exception to that rule. The obstacles to the attainment of the object of faith is the

Servant Of World Fellowship



DR. WALTER O. LEWIS

Dr. Walter O. Lewis, who until July 1 was General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has accepted the Executive Committee's invitation to become Associate Secretary for Europe and at the same time to co-ordinate and supervise the Relief Program of the B. W. A. It was felt strongly that his exceptional experience and knowledge could not be spared at this crucial time.

At its meeting in London in August, the Executive Committee adopted resolutions strongly commending the work of Dr. Lewis.

only reason there is any faith. If there were nothing for faith to oppose, there would be no sense in there being any faith. A gallant knight, booted and spurred, sits his noble warhorse, with the shining Excalibur of faith in his hand! "Where fare you forth, gallant Sir Knight, and to what noble deed of daring?"

"I go to try whether my sword's keen edge will cut the bloom from a hedge flower by the roadside, or maybe I shall smite a whirlwind that lifts the dust by the roadside."

Oh! For shame! spur your steed against some demon of darkness and give battle in the name of God! Everywhere you will find Wickedness opposing, Work awaiting, high Adventure calling to heroic endeavor.

V. FAITH CLAIMS AND OBTAINS VICTORY

Claims it! Goes out and obtains it.

Tom Kelsey, Junior was in to see me half-an-hour ago. Said, "I can't stay long: very busy!" "Yeah! what a-doing?" "Got my work to get. After an A in my commercial work this time, an A and 9 quality points." The lad has claimed a good grade and he's going after it.

My pastor gave me some pecans three days ago. Said, "They are yours, if you want them; go get them." All right! They are mine then, and tomorrow I go to obtain them, get them, secure them.

These faithful friends, these happy four, who had no more idea that their deed for their friend would be told over and again in languages that were then unborn, said one to another, "Come! our friend is sick! Jesus can heal him and will, if we get our friend where Jesus is." "You reckon we can get our friend through the crowd?" "Can we, though! If we don't find a way, we'll make one. What say?" "Have at it, Big Boy! By the help of Jehovah we'll do it!"

That's the way faith does! It goes after the blessing God promises and gets it. "What God gave me is in the lake." Faith says drain the lake. "What God has for me is beyond the river." Faith says swim the river. "What God wants me to get is at the top of the mountain." Faith says climb the mountain. And you can climb it by the help of faith.

BILL WATSON RESIGNS AT LOUISVILLE CHURCH

William G. Watson, who has served as educational director of First Church, Louisville, for the past year and a half has resigned and began his work in a similar capacity February 1 with the First Church, Pensacola, Florida with Dr. Leo Green, pastor.

Mr. Watson has done an excellent work at Louisville, giving emphasis to trained leadership, regular visitation, enlargement, and grading in the Sunday School. The Sunday School has become more efficient in its operation.

He has given great encouragement and assistance to the Training Union, and has endeared himself to the hearts of Junior boys through his tireless unselfish work with the R. A. organization. Besides these things he has filled the pulpit on numerous occasions and has responded to numerous requests to preach in various churches over the county and beyond.

Equally appreciated with Mr. Watson is his wife, Ann Ballard Watson, native of Tupelo, who has done an excellent work as teacher of young married women in the Young Peoples' Department of the Sunday School, as counselor for the G. A.'s and as soprano in the choir.

DAY OF PRAYER AT S. B. CONVENTION SUGGESTED

Editor's Note: The following letter was written to Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to

the convention's committee on order of business. It contains a suggestion worthy of careful consideration.

Dr. R. G. Lee, President
Committee on Order of Business
Southern Baptist Convention
Dear Brethren:

Southern Baptist thank God without ceasing for consecrated, intelligent leadership in our Convention now and in days gone by. We shall ever remember those spiritual giants who led us through the wilderness of unco-ordinated endeavor to the promised land of co-operation and the Co-operative Program. We thank God for gifted and humble leadership of Drs. R. G. Lee, Duke McCall, T. L. Holcomb, J. B. Lawrence, C. O. Johnson, Ellis A. Fuller, E. D. Head, R. Q. Leavell, Walter R. Alexander, M. Theron Rankin, and many others.

We know little of the heavy burdens of responsibility that rests upon the hearts and world-wide conquest for Christ.

I have always felt that "fellowship" depends upon "fellowship." We as redeemed and ransomed souls have fellowship with our Saviour as we seek to follow Him wherever He shall lead. So Southern Baptists experience loving, intimate fellowship as we follow those whom we have placed in trusted places of places of leadership in our Convention. This leadership is courageous and Christlike as it seeks to lead us in the deepening of spiritual life and world-wide conquest for the salvation of the lost.

We as Southern Baptists pledge our leaders on our knees before God our prayers, loves, devotion, sweat, blood and tears to the end that we all may do the whole will of God in this totalitarian, communistic, atheistic, socialistic and sin-stricken and shameful world in which we are fellow-travelers. You are doubtless painfully aware of the smashed homes, suicidal intent, wretched drunkenness, immoral nakedness and totalitarian techniques in our midst. And much more, we are top heavy with churches whose distinguishing characteristic is "dullness."

I am praying that our leaders in their wisdom may be led to set aside a day at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Oklahoma City this year for Prayer, Confession and Testimony.

Someone has suggested that we as followers of Christ shall make the most progress on our knees. . . . I need not remind you that the dawn of Pentecost came following nights of prayer. I know some who will read this page will be saying, "Does he mean to devote one whole day from morning until night to a prayer meeting?" Yes, I mean just that. Others will say, "Doesn't he know that the Convention program is already crowded to the limit? It's purpose is to transact business?" I am not condemning what we have done, but I am insisting that we try a whole day of earnest, compassionate praying for at least one time.

It thrills my soul to visualize the thousands of messengers to the Oklahoma Convention pouring into the auditorium and falling on their knees before Almighty who we are, but what we might be if God had complete control.

We cannot tell others how to pray unless we pray. We cannot take others to the cross unless we have been there ourselves. . . .

A day of prayer so spent before God would be investment for Southern Baptists that would pay spiritual dividends for time and eternity. During this day of prayer, perhaps three messages could be brought from the Word of God, such as "Prevailing Prayer," "Intercessory Prayer," "The Dynamite of Prayer." A season of testimony and confession would bring cleansing and refreshment. I humbly suggest a day of prayer at the Oklahoma Convention to the end that we as Southern Baptists may become intoxicated with the wine of love of God.

Yours in His Service,

FRED T. MOFFATT, pastor First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 13—Miss Lucy Lamb, Blue Mountain College librarian; B. J. Martin, President, Jones County Brotherhood Association.

February 14—Claude Bennett, Clarke College trustee; Miss Kathleen Bush, office secretary, State WMU Department.

February 15—Miss Monte McMahon, secretary, State Training Union Convention; Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Jackson, counselor, First District Young People.

February 16—Rev. G. W. Smith, Scott County, Convention Board Member; Miss Lula Webb, BSU Faculty Adviser, Pearl River Junior College.

February 17—Jesse Ackers, Pontotoc Association Training Union Director; E. M. Ball Green County Sunday School Superintendent.

February 18—Mrs. Thelma Curtis, House mother, Baptist Orphanage; C. O. Dean, Leland, Baptist Foundation trustee.

February 19—Charley Barge, Jackson, Baptist Hospital trustee; Zack Huggins, Quitman, Mississippi Education Commission.

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Tennessee Baptists Buy Printing Plant

At a cost of \$30,000 the Tennessee Baptist Convention has purchased a printing plant which will be used for printing the Baptist state paper, pamphlets and other needed printing matter.

Faced with a 20 per cent increase in the cost of printing the Baptist and Reflector, which would have caused a loss of approximately \$80,000 over a period of five years, the Convention Board felt that the cost of a printing plant was justified.

It was found that the 1948 cost per subscription was \$1.56 and the EVERY FAMILY subscription rate was \$1.20. (The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY cost was slightly less than \$1.00 per subscription.)

According to the Committee:

"It was either buy our own plant or increase the subscription rates and to have pursued the latter course would have meant that we would have lost many of our larger churches from the budget plan."

The printing plant has been incorporated under the name of the Tennessee Baptist Press, Inc. Named to the Board of Directors were: Edwin E. Densner, president; Richard N. Owen, Vice-president; J. R. Kyzar, Secretary, E. L. Smother, Clyde C. Bryan, David Livingston, T. C. Meador, Andrew Tanner and William R. Hamilton.

—BR—

CONCERNING SOME BASIC BELIEFS AND EMPHASES

John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala.

At the recent convention, Dr. Everett Gill gave the following statement of beliefs, at the close of his address. I requested that he send me a copy.

We Believe

As never before Baptists must reaffirm the basic beliefs and emphases which have been the glory of our faith. These affirmations will help to explain why we cannot in conscience unite ecclesiastically with other denominations, for we believe that the scandal of Christianity is not its disunity but rather its disloyalty to the Word of God. It is this disloyalty which has produced its disunity.

What are some of these tremendous convictions which our fathers often defended and declared at the price of boycott, persecution, and even death?

We believe in the inspired and authoritative Word of God, not in the human creeds of ecumenical councils.

We believe in the competency of the individual soul to God, not in the divine authority of an institution.

We believe that spiritual salvation is by grace through a personal faith, not through sacramental magic.

We believe in the spiritual democracy of baptized believers, not in the ecclesiastical distastefulness of a hierarchical minority.

We believe in the beautiful simplicity of heartfelt worship, not in the ostentatious pomp of meaningless ritual.

We believe in the complete separation of Church and State, not in a State-supported church, or a church-supported state.

We believe in full religious freedom for all, not in toleration at the hands of the favored few.—Alabama Baptist.

EARL WARFORD ACCEPTS WEST CORINTH PASTORATE



Rev. Earl Warford

has accepted the pastorate of the West Corinth Church and began his work the first of January. He came to Corinth from Philadelphia Church in Waynesboro, Tennessee.

Prior to that Mr.

Warford served as pastor of Brodhead (Ky.) Church and Malcomb Avenue Church in Memphis.

Mr. Warford, a native of Kentucky, received his Th. M. degree from the Southern Baptist Seminary and during his senior year served as pastor of North Ballard Church in West Kentucky. He also led the singing in Louisville churches during his work at the Seminary.

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Inadequate Ministry Blamed For Rural Church Decline

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. —(RNS)—

Rural churches in this country are suffering a steady decline because of an underpaid, poorly trained, over-aged and absentee ministry, the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council of North America was told here.

The Rev. Ernest T. Dixon Jr. director of the religious extension service of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, warned that rural churches must do more than "hire absentee preachers to retail sermons and conduct revivals" if they desire to become community forces.

To support his views, Mr. Dixon reported the facts compiled in a personally-conducted survey of Southern Negro rural ministers.

Of 20 ministers who attended classes at Tuskegee, 60 per cent failed to complete high school and 30 per cent never finished the eighth grade. Over half of the ministers earned less than \$40 a month. The highest salary, \$175 monthly, was made by a 25-year-old college and seminary graduate.

According to the survey, 55 per cent of the ministers were over 40 years of age, and only one was under 33. The majority had entered the ministry after reaching the age of 30.

The survey also disclosed, Mr. Dixon said, that the average minister lived more than 19 miles from his church. Only 20 per cent of the clergymen occupied regular parsonages. He said one minister served two churches, while engaged in a combination grocery store and gas station.

Mr. Dixon called on denominational officials and church officers to develop a genuine interest in the rural church.

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Oregon Conservative Baptist Churches Organize

PORTLAND, Ore. —(RNS)— Representatives of 24 conservative Baptist churches ousted from the Oregon Baptist State Convention last November, met here to form a permanent organization.

The state Convention had expelled the churches for their alleged failure to support the Convention and its parent group, the Northern Baptist Convention.

The conservative churches had long evinced dissatisfaction with the "modernistic" and "liberal" activities of the Northern Baptist Convention.

The Actual Work Of A County Missionary

By Rev. Wallace Harrel, Jackson County Associational Missionary

A past issue of the Record carried an article telling what the jobs of the associational missionary were. I should like to state here the things that I have done as an associational missionary.

For the last year I have conducted 56 prayer meetings, preached 98 times. I have taught in six study courses, I have either acted as principal or assisted in some way in seven Vacation Bible Schools. I organized one church in June, and have been their pastor ever since, going at least 50 miles twice a week. I worked with Auber Wilds, State Training Union Secretary a week in 11 of the churches.

I visited in 493 homes during the years in the interest of the work. I assisted in the ordination of nine preachers, and six deacons. Forty-five people joined the church by letter, 25 made a profession of faith, and 138 rededicated their lives to Christ during the year.

I have driven my car 18,233 miles. I taught a Sunday School Class almost every Sunday. I have been the Training Union Director for the Association, an officer in the Associational Sunday School. I am the Secretary-Treasurer of the Gulf Coast Pastor's Conference, and the Chairman of the World Relief Program. I have conducted a few funerals and performed a few weddings. I preached in two revivals in our Association.

I enjoy the work very much.

—BR—

BROTHERHOOD PLANNED AT STARKVILLE FIRST

Men of the First Baptist Church, Starkville, had a delightful chicken barbecue supper recently at which time plans were made for the organization of a Men's Brotherhood.

Guests for the occasion include W. R. Roberts, State Brotherhood Secretary, who gave the principal address, and visiting brethren from neighboring Brotherhoods who gave brief testimonies of the work of the Brotherhood in the local church.

The visiting brethren were: Columbus — Robert S. Lesche, President of the Columbus Brotherhood, Dr. S. B. Platt, Jim Wilder, and Hunter Vaughn; West Point — Rev. Carey Cox, Henry Harris, Hugh Harris, Robert Reid.

Musical numbers were provided by men of the host church. Ben F. Hilbun, Chairman of the Deacons of the Starkville Church presided over the meeting. The men voted unanimously to cooperate in the plans for a Brotherhood in the Starkville Church.

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DURING 1948, THE GLENDALE, California, Seventh-day Adventist Church gave \$257,478 to missions. Local church expenses were \$23,000.

THE UNION ASSOCIATION HAS SENT the Baptist Record a copy of its minutes, which are well prepared, the association met with Union Church and will meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1949, with the Pattison Church.

A NICE LIST OF NEW AND RENEWAL subscriptions was recently received from Shady Grove Church in Jasper County. We understand that the list is an EVERY FAMILY list. It was sent by Mrs. C. K. Wilson. Such lists have enabled the Baptist Record to have a circulation of more than 63,000 weekly.

BUBBLE GUM AND THE LIQUOR STORE

By Dr. Hugh Brimm Executive Secretary, The Social Service Commission

In the community center where I do my shopping there is a package liquor store with a sign in the window—Bubble Gum for Sale. Through the door can be seen an ice box from which "soft drinks" are sold.

On several occasions I have seen children going into this liquor store to make purchases—not of whiskey to be sure because that would be illegal; rather they go in to buy their favorite soft drink or the bubble gum which is such a fad with the youngsters. But wait, children in a liquor store?

What is the law? A letter from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in Frankfort informed me that "the license is prohibited by law from selling any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, however, there is no law prohibiting minors from entering the premises to make purchases of other commodities."

This situation calls to mind the ingenious bartender in New Jersey who recently inaugurated a "Children's Hour" in his saloon. He operates one of the modern "Television Bars" and when it is time for the telecasts which are produced especially for the "kiddies," he calls them in. After the program he turns up the lights and probably says "Now go home like nice kids and come back tomorrow for some more."

More what? Tomorrow he means more television programs but there are other tomorrows—kids grow up you know and television runs on into the night. Why not come back for the other shows? And why not express your appreciation to the bartender for his generosity by buying an occasional drink?

But back to the "bubble gum and package store"..... Are we to look for the time when package stores will put in a toy department or even operate a nursery on the side while Mama does her shopping?

It could be done you see because Kentucky's law does not prohibit "package stores from handling other commodities" so I was informed by the Department of Alcoholic Beverages Control in Frankfort.

—BR—

I. F. Metts Recommends The Study of John by John L. Hill

Rev. Ira F. Metts has recently taught Studies in the Gospel of John in each of his pastorates, Ackerman, Blythe Creek, and Chester, and reports good attendances in the meetings.

In writing about the courses Mr. Metts states, "I feel that Southern Baptists are greatly indebted to Dr. John L. Hill for this outline of this Matchless Gospel. I would say to all pastors, don't miss this wonderful treat; it will make you a better pastor and them better members. . . As Moderator of Choctaw County Association I urge all pastors of our association to have this course in your church."

Rev. Metts plans to teach the book to the young people of his churches next summer.

—BR—

E. K. WILEY, STATE BROTHERHOOD Secretary in Tennessee, has resigned to become Commissioner of Employment Security in Gov. Browning's cabinet.